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MONTEREY JAZZ FESTIVAL ON TOUR CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY WITH 5TH NATIONAL TOUR COMING TO THE KIMMEL CENTER'S VERIZON HALL MARCH 23, 2019

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, January 31, 2019) – The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts welcomes the **Monterey Jazz Festival's** fifth national tour to Verizon Hall on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. To celebrate the festival's 60th Anniversary, this performance will feature some of the most critically-acclaimed, Grammy® award-winning jazz artists of their generation, including three winners of the Thelonious Monk International Jazz Competition.

The tour features a top roster of diverse and international millennial talent and the leaders of jazz's future, including **Cécile McLorin Salvant**, vocals; **Christian Sands**, piano, musical director; **Bria Skonberg**, trumpet, vocals; **Melissa Aldana**, tenor saxophone; **Jamison Ross**, drums, vocals; and **Yasushi Nakamura**, bass.

"The Monterey Jazz Festival is an undeniable institution in the jazz community," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "Every performance is of the highest caliber, with a bevy of notable performers. As a home to both developing and established jazz in Philadelphia, the Kimmel Center is proud to present this diverse arrangement of artists to celebrate a special anniversary."

World-renowned for its artistic excellence, sophisticated informality, and longstanding mission to create and support year-round jazz education and performance programs in regional, national, and

international venues, Monterey Jazz Festival has stayed true to expanding live performances of jazz around the country since 2008 by presenting national tours that have reached over 115,000 fans in 163 shows across the United States and Canada.

The Monterey Jazz Festival on Tour 2019 is produced by Tim Jackson for Monterey Jazz Festival and Danny Melnick for Absolutely Live Entertainment (ALE).

The Monterey Jazz Festival is part of the Kimmel Center's exciting jazz season. Audience members save when they choose 3 or more shows in the Jazz at the Kimmel Center package: **DIVA Jazz Orchestra** (April 27, 2019, Perelman Theater), **Jazz Orchestra of Philadelphia – *Get Organized*** (June 1, 2019, Verizon Hall), **Dan Blacksberg/Rabbi Yosef Goldman World Premiere** (June 6, 2019, SEI Innovation Studio), **David Allen/Raquel Salas Rivera/Diane Monroe World Premiere** (June 7, 2019, SEI Innovation Studio), and **Dariel Peniazek/Maya Peniazek/Ariacne Trujillo World Premiere** (June 8, 2019, SEI Innovation Studio).

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **KODO: *Evolution*** (March 12, 2019, Verizon Hall), **Celtic Woman: *Ancient Land*** (April 4, 2019, Academy of Music), **PHILADANCO: *Dance Philly Style*** (April 12-14, 2019, Perelman Theater), **DIVA Jazz Orchestra** (April 27, 2019, Perelman Theater), ***The Illusionists – Live From Broadway*** (May 10-11, 2019, Merriam Theater), and **Rennie Harris: *Funkedified*** (June 7-8, 2019, Merriam Theater)

Monterey Jazz Festival on Tour

Featuring Cécile McLorin Salvant, Bria Skonberg, Melissa Aldana, Christian Sands, Yasushi Nakamura & Jamison Ross

Verizon Hall

March 23, 2019, 8:00 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now starting at \$35.00. Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999, online at www.kimmelcenter.org, or at the Kimmel Center Box Office. Group sales are available for groups of 10 or more and can be purchased by calling 215-790-5883. See www.kimmelcenter.org for more information.

The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts

Located in the heart of Center City, Philadelphia, the Kimmel Center's mission is to operate a world-class performing arts center that engages and serves a broad audience through diverse programming, arts education, and community outreach. The Kimmel Center Campus is comprised of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts (Verizon Hall, Perelman Theater, SEI Innovation Studio, and the Merck Arts Education Center), the Academy of Music (owned by the Philadelphia Orchestra Association), and the Merriam Theater. The Kimmel Center is also home to eight Resident Companies: The Philadelphia Orchestra, Opera Philadelphia, The Pennsylvania Ballet, The Philly POPS, PHILADANCO, The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, The Philadelphia Chamber Music Society and Curtis Institute of Music. With nearly 9,000 seats per night, The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts is the region's most impactful performing arts center, and the second largest in the country. TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank, is the season sponsor of the Kimmel Center's 2018-2019 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit www.kimmelcenter.org.

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